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1. In relation to the explosion of the Nationalist 8 Army ammunition dump and supply warehouse in Tsingtao on 9 March, there has been evidence that the officers and men guarding the warehouse had sold large quantities of the uniforms, blankets, small arms and other equipment stored there. In order to cover up and write off the losses resulting from these thefts, the guards planned a small explosion and fire. They were not aware that such potent explosives existed in the ammunition dump.

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2. The families of the men implicated moved from the area of the warehouse before the explosion.

3. No small arms, parts or other equipment have been found in the area since the explosion.

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